

TABLE 1. COMPARISON OF NORTH KOREAN AND ROK  
COMBAT POWER ON THE EVE OF THE KOREAN WAR

Classification	North Korea	ROK
Infantry divisions	10 divisions (30 reg- iments) 5 divisions were from Communist China Most high-ranking of- ficers were from the USSR and China	8 divisions (22 reg- iments) 1 artillery battalion per division (91 pieces)
Tank Units	1 tank brigade 242 tanks (T-34) self-propelled artillery Mechanized Infantry Regiment (560 side cars)	None (27 armored cars)
Air Force	1 air division 211 airplanes 4 AK-9 and IL-10	8 liaison planes 14 training craft
Navy	30 vessels 3 bases	28 vessels 5 bases
Total strength	ground: 182,860 naval: 13,700 air: 2,000	ground: 95,000 naval: 8,800 air: 1,800

Table compiled by Lee Suk Bok in The Impact of US Forces in Korea  
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**Table 2 Active and Reserve Military Personnel and Equipment, South and North Korea, 1975**

<i>Branch of service, personnel, and type of equipment</i>	<i>South Korea</i>		<i>North Korea</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Breakdown or description</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Breakdown or description</i>
<b>Total active armed forces</b>	<b>625,000</b>		<b>467,000</b>	
<i>Army</i>				
Active personnel	560,000		410,000	
Reserve personnel	1,000,000		250,000	
Surface-to-air missile (SAM) battalions	2	With 8 Hawk and Nike-Hercules batteries	20	With 180 SA-2s
Medium tanks	1,000	M-47s, M-48s, M-60s	1,000	300 T-34s, 700 T-54s/55s and T-59s
Light tanks	0		130	80 PT-76s, 50 T-62s
Artillery pieces	2,000	Up to 203 mm	3,000	Up to 152 mm
Artillery, other	1 battalion	With Honest John surface-to-surface missiles (SSMs)	200	Self-propelled guns
			1,800	Rocket launchers
			12	FROG SSMs
			2,500	Antiaircraft guns
<i>Navy</i>				
Active personnel	20,000		17,000	
Reserve personnel	33,000		40,000	
Submarines	0		8	4 Soviet W-class, 4 Chinese R-class
Patrol boats	22		18	10 Komars with Styx SSMs; 8 Osas with Styx SSMs
Destroyers	7		0	
Destroyer escorts	9		0	
Minesweepers	10		0	
Subchasers	0		15	
Gunboats	15	Coastal escorts	54	
Torpedo boats	0		90	
Landing ships	20	8 tank, 12 medium	0	
Amphibious craft	60		0	
<i>Marines</i>				
Active personnel	20,000		0	
Reserve personnel	60,000		0	
<i>Air Force</i>				
Active personnel	25,000		40,000	
Reserve personnel	35,000		40,000	
Combat aircraft	216	70 F-5As, 36 F-4Ds, 100 F-86Fs, 10 RF-5As	588	60 IL-28 bombers, 28 SU-7s, 300 MIG-15s and -17s, 150 MIG-21s, 40 MIG-19s, 10 IL-28 reconnaissance
Paramilitary personnel	2,000,000	Militia	1,500,000 50,000	Militia Internal security and border patrol

Source: International Institute for Strategic Studies, *The Military Balance, 1975-1976* (London: IISS 1975), p. 56.

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